

Remarks

Claims 1-39 remain pending in this application. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the early indication of allowable claims 3, 7-13, 29 and 33-39.

Turning to the page 2 of the Official Office Action the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 14, 15, 17-19, 27, 28, and 30-32 as being anticipated by Bos et al (United States Patent # 6,667,471). Applicants have filed a declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131 herewith swearing behind the priority date (May 24th, 1999) of Bos et al. Applicants, therefore, submit that Bos et al. is not prior art and request the rejection be removed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1, 2, 4-6, 14, 15, 17-19, 27, 28, and 30-32.

The Examiner has restricted claims 14-26 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. The Examiner has further stated that Claim 14 is incomplete in that an essential element is missing. Applicants have amended Claims 14-26 by removing the word “sensor” from the preamble of each claim. Applicants submit that the amendments satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112 and respectfully request reconsideration of claims 14-26.

Applicants submit that the above-referenced application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued. No new subject matter has been added via this amendment. Please contact the undersigned should additional information be required.

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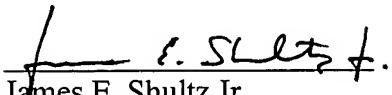
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